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On New Year's Eve, Remember: Drinking & Driving Don't Mix

'Tis the season to be merry – but, as the kids say, "cool it" when it comes to drinking and driving. A crash can really be the Grinch that spoils the holidays.

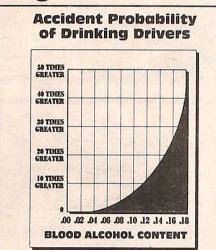
"To enjoy the holidays and keep them safe, leave the driving to those who aren't drinking; buckle up; and watch out for the other person, who may not have made these wise choices," said AAA Michigan Community Safety Services manager, Jerry Basch.

In 1992, 43 people were killed on Michigan roads during the Christmas and New Year's holiday period. Eleven of the 35 crashes which occurred involved alcohol.

"In Michigan, the legal level of intoxication is .10% blood alcohol level (BAL)," said Basch. "It's frightening to know that the average Michigan drunk-driving arrest is .16% – a level at which the probability of a crash is almost 30 times greater than for a nondrinking driver."

Since January 1, 1992, Michigan has had tough new drunk-driving laws which require, among other measures, destruction of the driver's license at the time of arrest for drunk driving. The new law also requires a minimum mandatory 30-day license suspension for a first conviction of drunk driving, and harsher penalties for repeat offenders.

According to Basch, the average cost of a drunk-driving conviction (fines and attorney fees) is \$4,000 plus in-



creased insurance, which can add up to three times the current premium for a three-year period.

Popular alternatives to alcohol consumption can reduce the risk of driving drunk by 100%. For the 13th year, AAA Michigan has sponsored "First a Friend, Then a Host," a Statewide program to curb the unsafe use of alcohol during the Christmas and New Year's holidays. As part of a Statewide contest, Michiganians submit original nonalcoholic drink recipes which are published annually in AAA Michigan's "The Great Pretenders Party Cuide."

Copies of "The Great Pretenders Party Guide" can be obtained at your local AAA Michigan branch or by calling (313) 336-1500.

Keep "Weighty" Resolutions with Help from Weight Watchers

Every year, on January 1, countless Americans resolve to lose weight. Every year, by February 1, many of these resolutions are already history.

Why the high failure rate? According to Florine Mark, president and CEO of The WW Group, Inc., the largest franchise of Weight Watchers International, "After New Year's Day, many people make the mistake of 'going on a diet.' During the postholiday let-down, a 'diet' that makes you feel deprived stands little chance for success. In fact, the best choice to make, forweight loss and good health, may be to not go on such a 'diet' at all this year."

Accumulating scientific evidence indicates that the best way to lose weight is also the best way to stay healthy.

"There is strong evidence that weight fluctuation, the so-called 'yo-yo' diet syndrome, may, in itself, be unhealthy," explains Weight Watchers nutritionist Darlene Zimmerman, M.S., R.D. "The wisest way to lose weight is to choose a program that allows you to lose the weight gradually and steadily; that counsels you on how to change unhealthy and defeating habits, and that teaches you the basics of healthy eating in a sensible

way that you can actually live with . . . permanently."

To keep your resolve this year, start on the right track. For the best chance of long-term success, experts recommend a weight-loss program that is nutritionally sound; that fits into your lifestyle; that includes an exercise plan; and that teaches you how to change bad habits and behaviors.

And, to increase your chances for success in 1994, Zimmerman offers this advice on what *not* to give up this new year:

- Don't give up meals: it makes you hungry and weakens good intentions. Instead, plan on three meals each day, plus snacks. Spreading calories throughout the day makes it easier to control eating.
- Don't give up favorite foods. If a food tastes particularly good to you, it's okay to enjoy it; your goal is merely to eat less of it. If you allow yourself an occasional brownie or ice-cream cone, these foods stand less chance of becoming the focus of cravings or binges.
- Don't give up exercise. It is difficult to take off weight and keep it off by diet alone. Moderate, enjoyable exercise can make the difference between success and failure.

City Employees Party Hearty at Annual Holiday Bash



Employees of the City of Romulus enjoyed their annual Christmas party on Friday, December 17, at 7 p.m. in the Romulus Civic Building. Willie Hester and Jerry Gratiot supplied music and karaoke; and, since everyone brought a dish, a variety of delicious food abounded. City workers would like to thank Ron Brugger (Romulus Auto/Romulus Video) and Teamster Local #214 for their generous donations.

The Lighter Slice

A Guru Named Bob



By Tom Shamanski

What with my interests in country music, karaoke, chain-driven garage-door openers, the sweetening of embalming fluid, and amazing Grace, I didn't think that I'd have time for any further hobbies—but, recently, I got caught up in another pastime: yoga.

Now, we're not talking just any kind of yoga, here; this is a type that's usually taught by Tibetan gurus who are at least 1,000 moons old; who haven't bathed since it was left to Beaver; and who are under 3'6" in their Goodyear sandals. Granted, these are some tall requirements, but it's said that they're necessary in order to root out any upstart young and clean gurus – not to mention tall baboons.

My guru's name is Bob. I don't know how old he is, and I don't know his height, but I do know that the man hasn't bathed since before Ross Perot began flapping his lips and ears.

On first meeting, we were a little awkward – Bob and I – until we discovered that we both collect baseball cards, shop only at Neiman–Marcus and Kmart, and have boa constrictors for pets. The boas, we agreed, are good to wrap snuggly around our necks in winter, rather than messing with woolen scarves that make you itch the way Senator Packwood apparently itches whenever he spots a pretty woman.



When I returned the next day for my first yoga go-round, I had – in an effort to impress Bob – my boa placed neatly about my neck. However, when his snake saw mine, they experienced an immediate attraction. After hugging one another nearly to death, they took off. The last I heard, the two of them had found an expensive shirt, wrapped themselves in and around it, and were playing various avant-garde carnivals, billing themselves as the world's longest Boa Arrow Shirt team.

Like any fiscally responsible guru, Bob wanted to talk money before we stretched even our imaginations.

"What is it you seek through yoga?" he asked.

"I seek Truth, Family Harmony, and the satisfaction of seeing Florine Mark get really fat."

"No problem," he replied. "For all that, though, you must give me your red Corvette that's parked out front."

"But," I panicked, "it's not mine. . . . Yes! It belongs to a friend."

Bob: "You seek Truth?"

"Okay, okay, it's mine. How about you take my sister, instead?"

Bob: "You seek Family Harmony?"
Not wishing to be embarrassed any further, I dropped the fat-Florine-Mark thing and tossed him my car keys.

"Good," smiled Bob. "Now, come closer and I will reveal how you may obtain all you desire." Stretching a bit, I heard him whisper, "Don't eat red meat, floss daily, and stand on your head for the rest of your life."

As you can imagine, I was stunned. I mean, I knew all his advice was excellent, but he obviously didn't practice all he preached – namely, the headstand.

"But, if that's so," I asked, "how come you don't stand on your head?"

"Ahhh," he grinned, "but, if I did that, who would then teach all this?"

Well, being a Nationally renown advocate of continuing education, what could I say?

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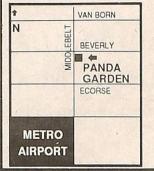
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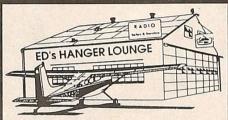
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The Romulus News reserves the right to edit all letters for clarity and, if necessary, brevity.

Banks Commends Pitoniak's Stand on Well

Dear Representative Pitoniak:

Thank you for your correspondence regarding the commercial waste injection well proposed for Romulus. Your letter brings forth clearly the same ideas and concerns that many of us in the community have regarding this injection well.

I appreciate your interest and the submitting of a bill request which would prohibit commercial hazardous waste injection wells in Michigan. I agree totally with you in questioning the need for commercial hazardous waste injection wells in Michigan. Your comments as to the need for this type of well are very well presented and have much merit.

I have great concern regarding liquid hazardous industrial wastes being brought into our small community. I believe everything is not known about the possible contamination and dangers to one's health that a hazardous waste disposal well may bring in the future to our citizens, our community, neighboring communities, and all other Michigan communities that could be affected in the years to come.

Thank you for your concern and consideration of this matter, not only for the City of Romulus, but for all the citizens of Michigan.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann Banks, Mayor Pro Tem City of Romulus

Response to Letter Against AIDS Education

Letter to the Editor:

I was appalled at Sonda Stepchuk's letter in the December 16, 1993 edition of *The Romulus News*. It is a perfect example of the close-minded ignorance that hampers the progress of programs designed to help our young people. In a time of such high rates of AIDS transmission and teen pregnancy, the awareness and easy accessibility of condoms and other preventative measures should be one of our highest priorities.

Ms. Stepchuk states that our country needs to accept the truth. The truth is that calling for abstinence, although effective in theory, just does not work in reality. How many thousands of teenage mothers were told not to have sex? It seems that Ms. Stepchuk would rather see a young person pregnant or dying from AIDS than to have him or her commit the "immoral" act of using a condom.

She also states that condoms do not

prevent AIDS. This certainly is news to me! I would like to know what proof she has for this assertion. Scientific literature states that condoms, although not 100% effective, are the best way to prevent HIV transmission among sexually active people.

I also object to her condemnation of sex as immoral and sinful. The days of the Puritanical sexual repression are over. In a free country, no one has the right to impose their morals on other people.

The question is whether we as a society are going to do our best to keep our young people healthy, or keep them uninformed and suffering. Programs to educate our youth about sexual issues, such as condom use, are long overdue. It seems that it is Ms. Stepchuk who needs to grow up.

Sincerely, Bradley J. Conrad

Reader Airs Views on "Abortion Distortion"

Letter to the Editor:

Call it "choice," "eugenics," "mercy killing," "euthanasia," "assisted suicide," "medicide," or "genocide" – regardless of the flowery euphemisms used, abortion by any other name is homicide – the killing of one person by another. Such is the "abortion distortion."

Death has a voracious, insatiable appetite and seeks out its victims to still the hunger pangs within. Death stalks its prey warily. He is a stealthy, deceitful, cunning, and determined predator.

Death sweetly and persistently whispers in the ears of the distraught, ailing person, persuading him to "end it all." Dr. Kevorkian's phone rings and, shortly thereafter, Death claims his victim.

Death disguises himself as "fear, foolishness, and failure" as he grips the fragile mind of a young, unwed mother facing a crisis pregnancy. Death disdainfully, critically, and contemptuously speaks the words "unwanted," "entrapment," "inconvenience," "inopportune," "unaffordable," "untimely," and "terminate" into the ears of the vulnerable mother. Death whets his appetite as the girl panics and hurries to the nearest abortion clinic—and another unborn child will never see the light of day.

Death is ravenous still; he's on the rampage, seeking to ravage and devour, to satisfy his cravings. He spoke to Margaret Sanger (founder of Planned Parenthood) and Adolph Hitler, and tempted these two into promoting the extermination of the poor, the frail, the less-than-perfect, those having a less-than-superior intelligence, and those of a different race. More innocent lives are destroyed as Death becomes gluttonous, enjoying his banquet to the fullest.

Death maliciously maligns the sanctity of life and doggedly tickles the ears of Supreme Court justices with the word "choice." An unparalleled, immoral, destructive decision known as Roe vs Wade,

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Romulus Profile: William Bedell

By Tom Shamanski

Romulus Community Schools is the United States' most advanced school system with regard to educational technology, according to indications from both International Business Machines (IBM) and Apple Computers – and the general consensus among educators, both within and outside Romulus, definitely points to Dr. William M. Bedell, the District's 59-year-old superintendent of schools, as the primary force behind the achievement of this remarkable feat.

Recently, the seven-year resident of Chelsea, Michigan, was asked to comment on his vision to make Romulus Schools the leader in bringing educational technology to Romulus, and thereby making its system the front-runner of schools heading into the twenty-first century.

"We're a good test district to see if all this will work," the Detroit-born Bedell said. "We've got a good mix of kids; we're racially balanced, have a strong middle-class, and have a concentration of needy kids – all of which, by the way, are some of the reasons that I came to Romulus in the first place.

"We can use our start here with technology to make a major impact in how kids are taught throughout the Country," he added.

In 1957, Bedell graduated from Eastern Michigan University with majors in English and history, and later picked up his master's degree in educational administration from Wayne State University (WSU). Nineteen seventy-nine found Bedell once again at WSU, earning his doctorate in curriculum development.

When asked to detail his career leading up to his 1980 appointment as Romulus' superintendent of schools, Bedell replied, "After I graduated from Eastern, I started teaching history, English, and social studies in Livonia. It was the time when the 'baby boomers' were arriving in high school, and we had about 1,400 new kids each year."

After teaching three years, Bedell was made an administrative intern and, consequently, began to divide his time between teaching and being trained in educational administration.

"At one point," he said, "the business administration people came and 'borrowed' me. I wrote everything from bond issues to press releases for them. With this experience, I became, in 1962, a certified office administrator; I was 28 years old at the time."

During his Livonia tenure, Bedell rose rapidly from his teaching/administrative-intern post to administrative assistant; then to business administrator; and, ultimately, to assistant superintendent for financial and operational services.

Currently, in addition to his duties as Superintendent in Romulus, Bedell also

teaches night classes in business at Eastern Michigan University and Madonna University.

When queried concerning his observations of some major changes that have occurred in education over the past 36 years, the Superintendent said, "One major difference would be the expectations of parents and the community. In earlier days, expectations were lower, with many students taking so-called 'general' courses. A large percentage of students did not graduate.

"Today," he continued, "we still have a drop-out rate of 30%, and that's simply not acceptable. The expectation now is for all students to graduate, and that's tough. This expectation has really changed our business."

The unionization of teachers was also listed by Bedell as a major change in education. This process, he said, has led to severe financial problems and, on occasion, "tax revolts." These rebellions, explained Bedell, often occur because most schools are educating children who stem from financially middle-class families and, with money at a premium, the voters are now more likely to say "no" o additional revenue for schools.

Besides his obviously skillful guidance of Romulus Schools in the area of educational technology, Bedell is rightfully proud of the fact that he is now considered to be a leading school-finance expert.

"Despite the nature of my education and inclination," he stated, "I've been able to survive an area of education that hasn't been instinctive to me."

Of course, during his 36 years in the education field, there have been major disappointments, as well as successes.

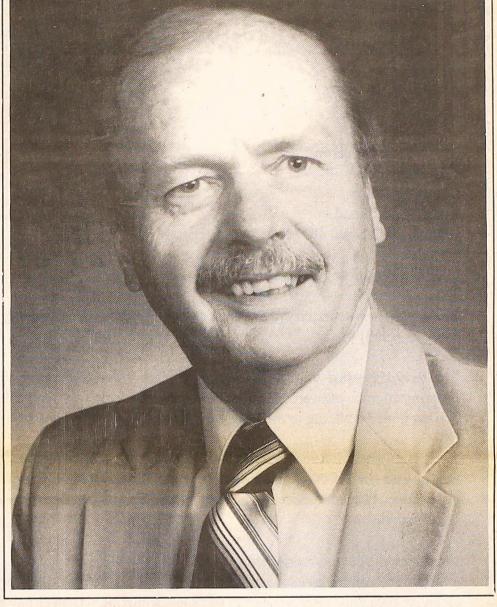
When asked to speak to these inevitable disappointments, Bedell replied, "First, although I've been here in Romulus for 14 years, it's only been within the last three that I've had success in educating all students. Secondly, I've had an inability to relate to our teaching staff during labor negotiations."

Bedell went on to say that most of these negotiations have been confrontational – which he finds somewhat hard to understand, he said, because he feels that neither he nor most of the teachers are confrontational by nature.

Finally, Bedell noted "fruitless attempts to build bridges to the City" as yet another disappointment.

Since the interview took place on the heels of the tragic murder of Chelsea's own superintendent of schools, Bedell was asked if he — as a fellow superintendent — has ever feared a similar occurrence in Romulus.

"Yes," he answered, "lam concerned with my safety, and sometimes I wonder,



'My God, is someone going to come in here shooting?' There are a lot of unhappy teachers here, and viclence can stem from people who feel trapped in their jobs.

"When people go off the deep end," he added, "you can't talk or reason with them, and they'll usually hurt the people around them. Fortunately, though, most of my daily contacts with people are good, even if disagreements do occur."

When asked about the people with whom he works in close concert, Bedell spoke in glowing terms of his secretary, Doreen McEvilly, and his assistant superintendents: Joel Carr, who's in charge of financial operations, and Terrel LeCesne, who oversees personnel matters.

"Over the years," he said, "I've spent a lot of time in other districts, and you couldn't find three better people. They all know what they're doing and they all work hard. They're loyal to me, the Board, and the District."

Bedell then noted that, during his service in Romulus, the members of the Board of Education have been major contributors to whatever success he's enjoyed. To a person, he concluded, their major driving force has always been for the betterment of Romulus students.

Bedell's many impressive career awards, as well as the professional orga-

nizations to which he belongs, are too numerous to list here; however, he did wish to mention that, currently, he sits on the Board of Directors for the Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce.

After retirement, Bedell plans to continue teaching at the university level. Additionally, with further regard to future goals, he may enroll in a creative-writing class.

"I've always wanted to be a writer. I love to tell stories, and there are a lot of stories to tell about my time here as Superintendent," he grinned.

Divorced for the past 15 years, Bedell is the father of four adult children. Brian, 38, lives in Plymouth and works as a custodian for that city's school district. Thirty-seven-year-old Brad, who's in sales of industrial supplies, resides in Northville and has three children: 10year-old Austin; Evan, who's eight; and Rachel, age five. Also living in Northville is 36-year-old Barry, who is presently unemployed. Beth, the youngest at 32, makes her home in Livonia. She earned a teaching degree from Eastern Michigan University some years ago and, today, works as a substitute teacher while seeking a permanent teaching position.

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December 27, 1993

JORDAN B. TATTER

Mr. N. Peter Bergeron City Councilman City of Romulus 11111 Wayne Road Romulus, Michigan 48174

Dear Mr. Bergeron:

Thank you for your inquiry of December 9, 1993, regarding the recently drilled deep disposal well in the City of Romulus (Environmental Disposal Systems [EDS] #1).

You have requested that all data obtained during construction of the well be analyzed and questions regarding well use and groundwater contamination be answered. The analysis requested is ongoing and a determination of well suitability is, therefore, premature. My staff have not, however, seen anything to date that would negatively affect well suitability.

You also expressed concerns regarding protection of underground sources of drinking water. I have included a copy of a letter of response that was sent to a number of other citizens along with a report entitled "Class I Deep Subsurface Wastewater Injection" prepared by the UIPC Research Foundation. The letter addresses your concerns. A major purpose of the Mineral Well Act (Act 315, PA 1969) is protection of underground drinking water supplies.

I understand that your community believes that waste injected in the EDS #1 well may surface in surrounding communities and contaminate underground drinking water supplies. I asked my staff to calculate the approximate distance away from the well that waste would travel in the receiving formation after 30 years of continuous pumping. Using a pay thickness of 216 feet, an average porosity of 14 percent, daily injection rates of 100,000 to 200,000 gallons, and assuming radial flow and 50 percent displacement of formation fluids, the calculated distance of travel would be between 1/3 to 1/2 mile from the wellbore with no path to the surface. I feel confident in saying that underground sources of drinking water will not be affected and that waste injected into this well will not surface in surrounding communities.

I hope this letter has addressed your concerns regarding the Environmental Disposal Systems nonhazardous disposal well. If you have any further questions, I encourage you to call Mr. Thomas Godbold (517-334-6945) of my staff.

Sincerely,

R. Thomas Segall

Supervisor of Mineral Wells and Chief

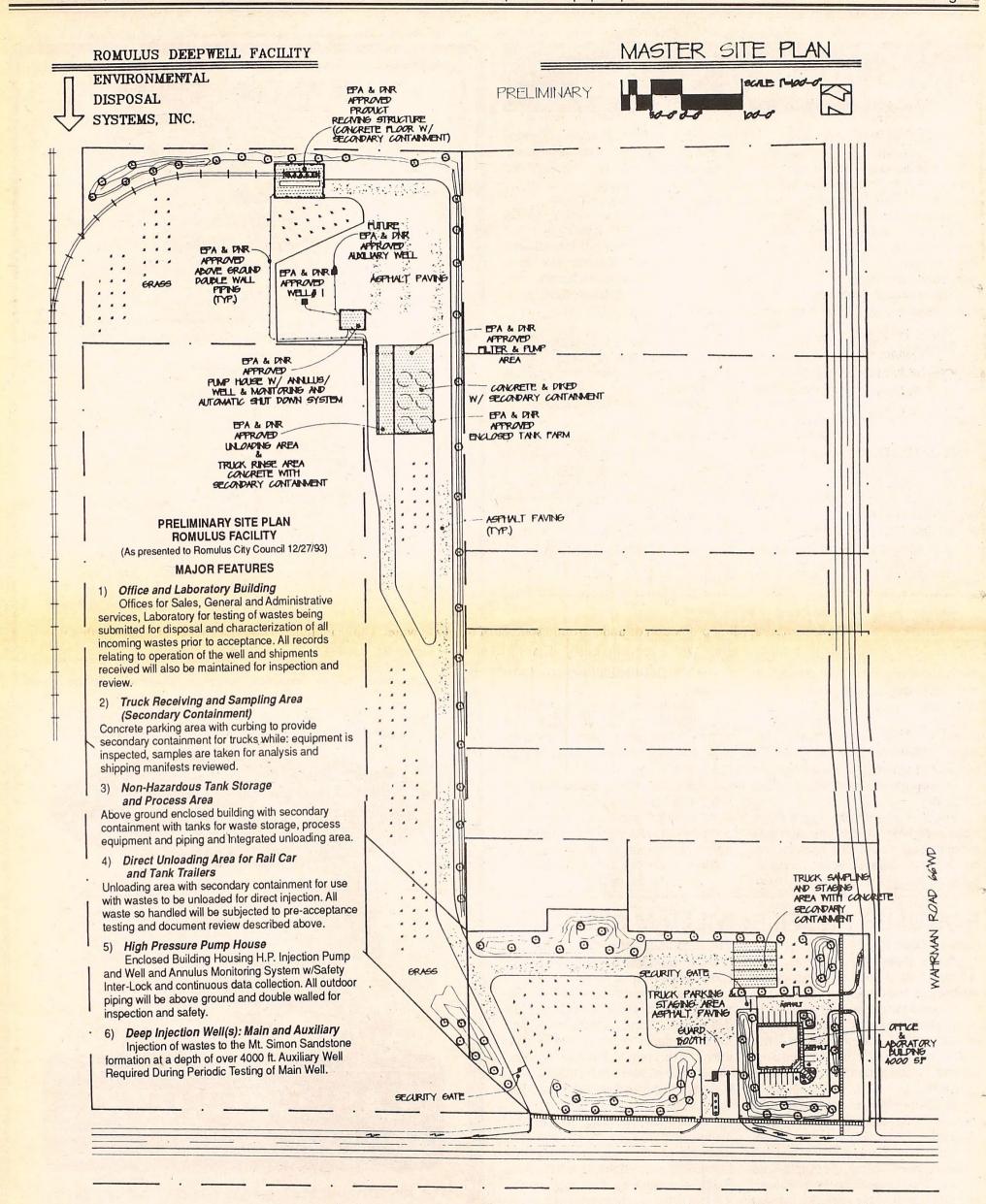
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cc: Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. P.O. Box 74456, Romulus, MI 48174 Mr. Thomas Godbold, DNR



Smokey's Den

By Dorothy Nesler

Happy New Year!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish each of my readers a happy and prosperous new year in 1994. I enjoy writing this column for you, and remind you that your comments and suggestions regarding "Smokey's Den" are always welcome!

New Year's Eve Bash

The Romulus Firefighters will hold their annual New Year's Eve party at the Romulus Progressive Club on Friday, December 31, from 7 p.m. to 3 a.m. (dinner at 8 p.m.). Entertainment will be provided by Jon Ray of WHND–WCSX Radio; beer, setups, champagne toast, and door prizes also will be provided. Donation: \$50 per couple/\$30 per person. (Proceeds from the event will be used by the Fire Department to purchase fire equipment which is not provided for in the City budget.) For more information, please contact Jim Poet of the Fire Department at 941-8585.

Please Don't Drink and Drive

And, speaking of New Year's Eve parties, I'd like to remind everyone to keep this holiday a happy one: don't mix

drinking and driving. If your celebration includes alcohol, please choose a designated driver, take a cab, or stay at your host's home overnight.

Bears To Cheer Burn Victims

The members and staff of the US Federal Credit Union, located at 31350 Smith Road in Romulus, recently donated a large box of brand-new Teddy bears for children who are burn victims. Our firefighters will distribute the bears to children as needed.

Happy Birthday

Happy (belated) birthday to the following Romulus firemen born in December: Steve Bossidis (December 2), Dusty Sperry (December 5), Derrick Dufore (December 13), and Dan Kish (December 22).

A Special Thank-you

Before I close, I would also like to take a moment to send a special thank-you to Romulus Fire Department secretary Jill Applebe, who compiles some of the information that I use to write this column. She literally "goes the extra mile" for me, and even delivers the information to my home. I appreciate her efforts very much. ... Thanks, Jiil!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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in 1973, allowed legal abortion. Since then, 30 million unborn babies have lost their lives, averaging out to one million willful homicides annually.

Death does a diabolical dance of delight as it feeds on the fears, ignorance, blindness, and arrogance of people. And American soil, drenched with the innocent blood of its victims, cries out in dismay!

Freedom weeps at mankind's lack of moral judgment, and liberty agonizes over injustice. Knowledge begs for recognition and wisdom cries at the gates, but her pleas fall on deaf ears and hardened hearts. Understanding reaches out to people only to be repelled and forsaken. And Death feeds on and on, never satisfied.

Death laughs at man's arrogance and appeases his appetite daily. It is written: "Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools," (Romans 1:22, KJV).

Recently, many celebrated the Christmas holiday without even considering something extremely important, even the birth of Jesus Christ. Aren't you glad that Mary was given the grace and wisdom to "choose life" for her Son?

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ROMULUS PROFILE: WILLIAM BEDELL

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As a self-described sports nut, Bedell does "lots of spectating," as well as playing golf and basketball.

"At least once a week," he noted, "I'll try to get into a 'pick-up' game of basket-ball. I've noticed a definite second or two slow-down in my reflexes, but I like playing and it also keeps me in reasonable condition."

Reading fiction is another favorite pastime of Bedell's. In addition, as a "lover of live drama," he frequently attends plays presented at Detroit's Fisher Theater and, in Chelsea, the Purple Rose Theater. The Purple Rose, he explained, was fashioned by stage and film star Jeff Daniels, a Chelsea native son.

During the inferview, Bedell proved to be an extremely personable, relaxed, and hospitable man with a delightful ability to put people at ease. Although he's very serious about his work, he's far from the self-important, stuffed-shirt type who takes *himself* too seriously.

When asked why he likes being Superintendent of Romulus Schools, Bedell replied, "I enjoy it because it gives me a real sense of being able to affect things. In this regard, I'm very fortunate, since many people are frustrated in our business because they feel that things are out of their control."

As the recess bell rang, Bedell stated his feeling that, in the future, the nicest thing that could be said of him would be that he was a superintendent of Romulus Schools, and that he made a difference. It takes little reflection, however, to see that Dr. William Bedell has no need to wait for the future; he's already deserving of much more lavish praise for his many accomplishments which have benefited the young people of the Romulus school district.

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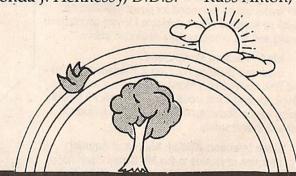
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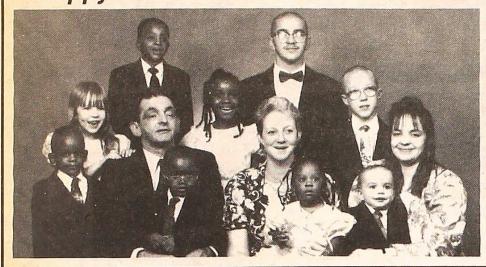
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Community Calendar

- Romulus Firefighters New Year's Eve Party Enjoy dinner, entertainment provided by Jon Ray of WHND-WCSX Radio, beer, set-ups, a champagne toast, and door prizes at the Romulus Firefighters Annual New Year's Eve Party, to be held on Friday, December 31, at the Romulus Progressive Club. Tickets for the event, which begins at 7 p.m., are \$50 couple/\$30 single, and are available by calling Jim Poet of the Fire Department at 941-8585.
- Senior-citizen Walking Club If you're a senior citizen (age 50 and over) who would like to begin a regular walking program, now is the time to start! The Romulus Senior Center's van takes interested seniors to Wayne County Community College's Haggerty Road campus every Wednesday from 8:30 to 10 a.m. for a session of indoor walking at your own pace. As an added incentive, walkers who complete 25 miles will be treated to a free lunch! There's no sign-up; just show up - ready to walk! For more information, call Barbara Schultz at the Center (942-6852).
- Senior-citizen Valentine Tour Romulus senior citizens are invited to enjoy an afternoon of fun and surprises when they join old and new friends for a special Valentine's Day tour on Monday, February 14. Included in the trip's \$34 cost is round-trip motorcoach transportation, lunch at the Pinckney Inn, and a "tour and taste" at Leah Gold Chocolate Factory in Brighton. For more information, call Marilyn Masters or Barbara Schultz at the Romulus Senior Center (942-6852).
- Youth Workshop Huron Civic Theatre will host ACT UP! a theatre art workshop for children ages seven to 17. The program will be a 16-session series to be held Saturday afternoons from 1 to 5 p.m. beginning January 8, 1994. The program will conclude with an original production staged by ACT UP! students (working title: "Tomfoolery Follies"), scheduled for May 14 and 15, 1994. For further information, please contact instructor Belinda Sidebottom
- "Pasta Passion" Workshops Did you know that, in Italy, there are almost 2,000 words associated with pasta? If pasta is your passion, join Weight Watchers food advisors for free cooking demonstrations at Meijer during the month of January. Sample and learn to prepare Spinach Fettuccine and Vegetables, Pasta Primavera, or Cheesy Macaroni Bake at one of the following demonstration events: Sterling Heights Meijer (36600 Van Dyke) on Friday, January 14, from 12 to 1:30 p.m.; Burton Meijer (2333 S. Center) on Saturday, January 15, from 12 to 1:30 p.m.; Westland Meijer (37201 Warren Road) on Saturday, January 15, from 1 to 2:30 p.m.; Taylor Meijer (14640 Pardee Road) on Saturday, January 15, from 5:30 to 7 p.m.; Flint Meijer (G-433 W. Pierson) on Friday, january 21, from 12 to 1:30 p.m.; Woodhaven Meijer (22600 Allen Road) on Friday, January 21, from 12 to 1:30 p.m.; Commerce Meijer (1703 Haggerty Road) on Friday, January 21, from 5:30 to 7 p.m.; Roseville Meijer (30800 Little Mack) on Friday, January 28, from 12 to 1:30 p.m.; Flint Meijer (2474 W. Hill Road) on Friday, January 28, from 5:30 to 7 p.m.; and Rochester Hills Meijer (3175 Rochester Road) on Monday, January 31, from 12 to 1:30 p.m. Each event is open to the public and offers free samples and recipes. If you would like to obtain further information, please call the Weight Watchers Group, Inc., at 1-800-487-4777.
- Mentors Sought The Community Commission on Drug Abuse (CCODA), a community prevention agency, is looking for mentors to help support, educate, and nurture pregnant and parenting teens in western Wayne County. Training is on-going. For information, call Gail at 313-513-7598.

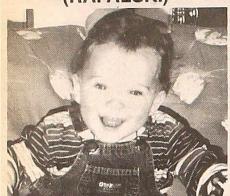
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Jacob Leonard Baxter

Karen Britt and Larry Baxter of Romulus, Michigan, are proud to announce the birth of their new son, Jacob Leonard Baxter.

Jacob was born in Oakwood Hospital (Dearborn, MI) at 5:14 a.m. on Saturday, July 31, 1993. At birth, he weighed seven pounds, one ounce, and measured 191/2 inches.

Especially excited about Jacob's arrival were his two older brothers, Jason Britt, who's 11 years old, and Joshua Baxter, age three.

Jacob's maternal grandparents are Dorothy and the late Leonard Gierak (a former Romulus volunteer fireman for whom the City's Fire Station #4 is named)



of Sumpter Township, Michigan; his paternal grandmother is Barbara Baxter of Taylor, Michigan.

Natalia Dian Perecki

Proud parents of Natalia Dian Perecki are Terry and Denise Perecki of Romulus, Michigan.

Natalia was born in Annapolis Hospital (Wayne, MI) at 3:53 p.m. on Friday, September 10, 1993, weighing in at seven pounds, nine ounces, and measuring 20 inches

Welcoming Natalia home were her big sister Hailey (age two); her maternal grandparents, Allen and Dian Clark; and her paternal grandparents, Eugene and Sylvia Perecki (all of Romulus, MI).



Proudly announcing the birth of their new daughter, Amanda Jean Wagle, are Robert and Stephanie Wagle of Romulus, Michigan.

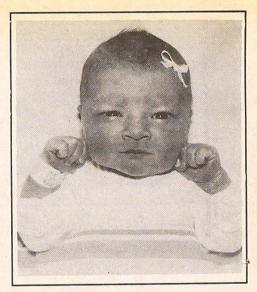
Amanda Jean Wagle

Amanda was born in Wyandotte Hospital and Medical Center at 3:39 p.m. on Friday, October 1, 1993. At birth, she weighed eight pounds, three ounces, and measured 201/2 inches.

Waiting anxiously at home for their new sister's arrival were big brother Matthew (age three) and big sister Ashley (21 months old).

Amanda's maternal grandparents are Eugene and Sylvia Perecki (Romulus, MI); Cliff Wagle (Romulus, MI) and Trina Wagle (Dearborn Heights, MI) are her paternal grandparents.

Amanda's paternal great-grandpar-



ents are Elizabeth Wagle (Holly, MI) and Stephanie Pietruk (Dearborn Heights, MI).

Brittany Elizabeth Zorn

Chuck and Tanya Zorn of Wayne, Michigan, are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Brittany Elizabeth Zorn.

Brittany was born in Annapolis Hospital (Wayne, MI) at 1:58 a.m. on Saturday, October 30, 1993, weighing in at eight pounds and measuring 20 inches in length.

Brittany's maternal grandparents are Eugene and Sylvia Perecki (Romulus, MI); Charles and Sharron Zorn (Monroe, MI) are her paternal grandparents.

Obituaries

Florence G. Hadyniak

Florence G. Hadyniak of Romulus, Michigan, died on Thursday, December 16, 1993. She was 74 years old.

Florence, who was born in Essex, Canada, on March 6, 1919, worked as a homemaker, and was an active member of the Romulus senior citizens group. Her husband Eugene preceded her in death on August 24, 1987.

She is survived by three sons, Eugene Ronald (Westland, MI), Charles M. (Romulus, MI), and Roger G. Hadyniak (Romulus, MI); two daughters, Mrs. Patricia Puckett (Romulus, MI) and Mrs. Michael (Marlene) Pawlak (Holland, MI); nine grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; three brothers, Arthur, Cecil, and Donald Cox; and one sister, Violet Pawlowski (Romulus, MI).

Funeral services were held on Monday, December 20, at St. Aloysius Catholic Church (Romulus, MI), with Father Michael Malawy officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock). Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI).

Memorial tributes may be made in the form of mass cards, or to any community-service organization.

Althea L. Rigby

Althea L. Rigby of Romulus, Michigan, died on Monday, December 20, 1993, at the age of 77.

Born in Albertus, Pennsylvania, on July 23, 1916, Althea was a homemaker who was active in both her church and the Romulus VFW Auxiliary (#9568).

She is survived by three sons, John A. McDonald (Taylor, MI), Arthur J. McDonald (Romulus, MI), and John F. Rigby (Rockwood, MI); four daughters, Mrs. Althea A. Mitchell (Taylor, MI), Mrs. John (Marlene) Ouellette (Dearborn Heights, MI), Mrs. Peter (Barbara), D'Anna (Southgate, MI), and Mrs. Carol A. Gondek (Dearborn Heights, MI); 16

grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; one brother, Norman Moser; and one sister, Eleanor Kennedy. Althea was predeceased by her husband John.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, December 22, at Trinity Episcopal Church (Belleville, MI), with Father John R. Hagen officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock). Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI).

Memorial tributes may be made to Trinity Church or any cancer research fund.

Frank Stanley Wisniewski

Frank Stanley Wisniewski of Romulus, Michigan, died on Wednesday, December 22, 1993. He was 85 years old.

Frank, who was born in Willington, Delaware, on December 3, 1908, was a retired inspector for the Ford Motor Company, and was a member of Belleville Moose Lodge #294, the Progressive Club, the Gregorian Club, and the Usher's

He is survived by his wife, Mary B. (Glinski) Wisniewski; one son, Stanley L. Wisniewski, and his wife Susan (Canton, MI); two daughters, Mrs. Charles (Virginia) Miller (Arizona) and Mrs. Robert (Agnes) Cook (Belleville, MI); 12 grand-children; 17 great-grandchildren; one brother, Alex Wisner (Dearborn Heights, MI); and one sister, Mrs. Mark (Sylvia) LaFrom (California). He was preceded in death by four brothers (Henry, Ted, Charley, and John) and one sister (Vera).

Funeral services were held on Friday, December 24, at St. Aloysius Catholic Church (Romulus, MI), with Father Michael Malawy officiating. Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock) was the site of interment.

Memorial tributes may be made in the form of mass cards, or to any foundation dedicated to the study of Alzheimer's disease.

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